

CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 15, and 29 with the following:

Sub 1
1. [Twice Amended] A method for operating a computer system to provide an interface between a financial bank card network and a communication system that provides a communication service to a customer with a customer account in the financial bank card network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of communications services events from the communications system;

accumulating the communications services events for a billing period for the customer;

at an end of the billing period, determining an amount to update the customer account based on the accumulated communications services events;

automatically generating an update request to update the customer account with the amount wherein the update request is in a format suitable for the financial bank card network; and

transmitting the update request to the financial bank card network.

Sub 2
15. [Twice Amended] A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for providing an interface between a financial bank card network and a communication system that provides a communication service to a customer with a customer account in the financial bank card network, the steps comprising:

receiving a plurality of communications services events from the communications system;

accumulating the communications services events for a billing period for the customer;

at an end of the billing period, determining an amount to update the customer account based on the accumulated communications services events;

automatically generating an update request to update the customer account with

B2 Cont the amount wherein the update request is in a format suitable for the financial bank card network; and
transmitting the update request to the financial bank card network.

29. [Amended] A computer system to provide interfacing between a financial bank card network and a communication system that provides a communication service to a customer with a customer account in the financial bank card network, the computer system comprising:

a communication system interface configured to receive a plurality of communications services events from the communications system;

a processor connected to the communication system and configured to accumulate the communications services events for a billing period for the customer, at an end of the billing period, determine an amount to update the customer account based on the accumulated communications services events, automatically generate an update request to update the customer account with the amount wherein the update request is in a format suitable for the financial bank card network, and transmit the update request to a financial bank interface; and

the financial bank interface connected to the processor and configured to transfer the update request from the processor to the financial bank card network.